

ABSTRACT

WA-I-229

Early 19th Century

McKee-Martin Farm

Hagerstown Vicinity

private

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WA-I-229
District 27
Map 10
Parcel 37

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

McKee-Martin Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South of Reid Road, east of Oaks Road.

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Preston Martin

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 8

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 366

Folio #: 472

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 3039

DATE

Summer 1967

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm complex is located south of Reid Road, approximately one half mile east of Oaks Road in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated on high ground and faces east.

The dwelling is a one and a half story, five bay structure presumably of stone construction sheathed with rough cast or stucco. The house is built into a hillside so that it is a full two stories in height at the front elevation while the rear or west wall is one story high. A double porch which is not included under the main roof span extends along the front elevation. Although the porch appears to be original, its supports have been replaced at the lower level with round metal poles. The upper part has square wooden chamfered posts with a plain balustrade. A decoratively cut trim board extends along the eaves of the porch. Access to the second level is gained by a flight of concrete steps at the south end of the porch. The north end is enclosed by a wall with a window at each story level.

Windows and doors in the house have moderately wide frames with pegged joining at the main story level. At the ground floor level, pegged joining was not observed. There openings had square rather than mitered corners. The windows have six over six pane double hung sashes. Those at the attic level have four over two pane sashes.

Entrances are to be found in the first and third bays from the south end of the main level of the front elevation. Doors are located in the second and fourth bays at the ground story.

The roof is sheathed with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls of the house. Br. & K chimneys are located inside each gable end.

A concrete block outbuilding is located immediately south of the house and several barns and agricultural structures are located further to the south.

The buildings appear to be in good to excellent condition and stand on a tract containing 112.4 acres, part of the land grant, "Nicholas' Contrivance."

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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According to the Washington County Land Records, John McKee acquired the land comprising this farm in several transactions during the early 19th century. In 1823 he purchased 86 3/4 acres of "Nicholas' Contrivance" and "All I Could Get" from Daniel Rensch (GG/484). On December 31, 1828, John McKee bought an additional 53 7/8 acres and a four acre tract from the heirs of Robert McKee. This land was part of "Clelland's Contrivance" and "Mary's Garden" which presumably adjoined the first purchase. Robert McKee had bought it in 1801 from John Brumbaugh for £221. (KK/481, N/445).

John McKee's farm was inherited by his son, Robert in 1871 (Will Liber F/441). Robert and Eliza McKee sold the farm, then containing slightly more than 141 acres to Abraham Eshleman in 1876 (74/459). In 1895, Abraham Eshleman sold approximately 128 acres to David H. and Mary L. Martin for \$10,310.50. The farm has remained under Martin ownership until the present. (104/259, 122/619, 366/472).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, Thomas J., History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Company, 1906.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 112.4 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

October 1976

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

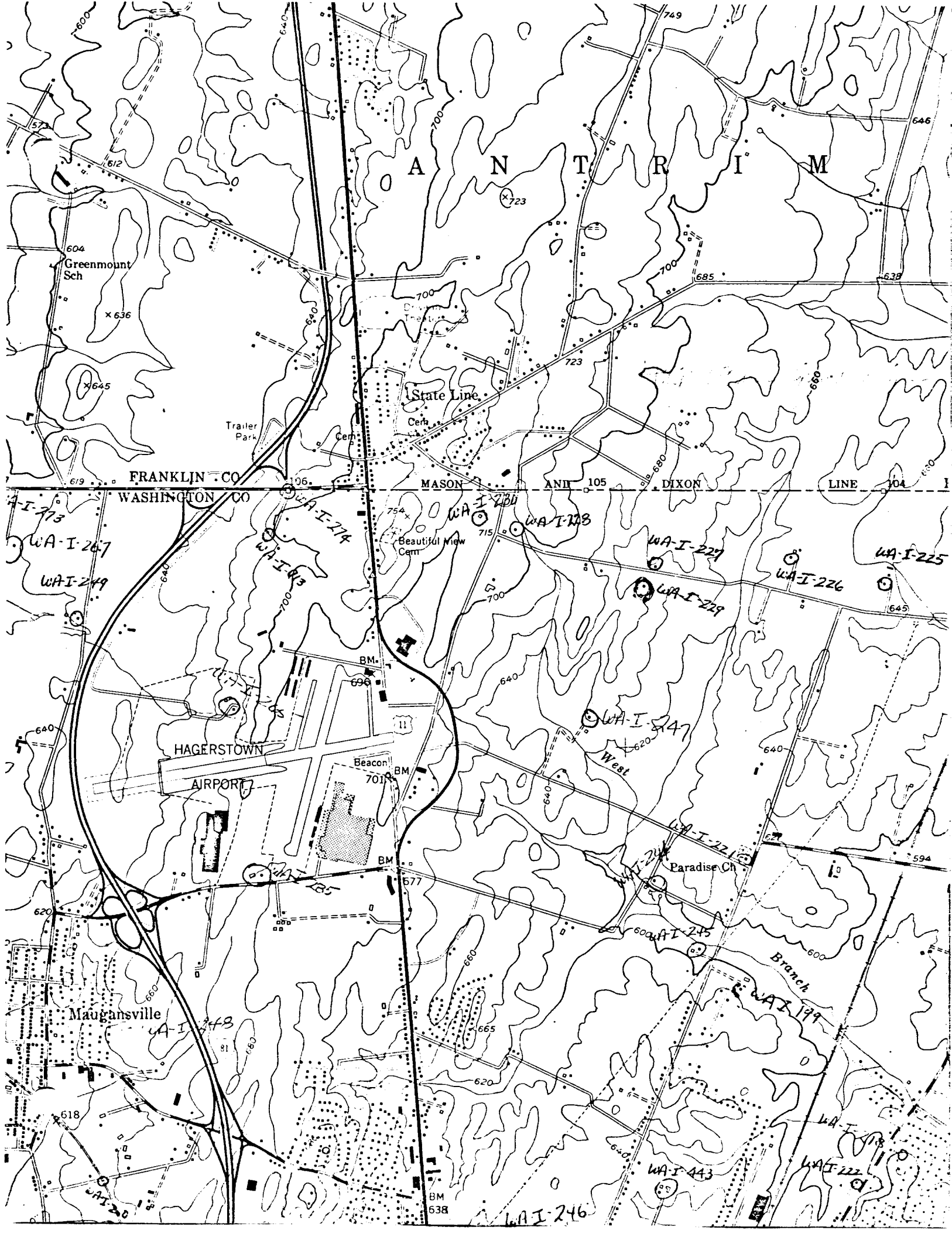
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